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GOVERNMENT WILL HUNT INCOME TAX SLACKERS

"It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1,000 or over, and every married person living with wife or husband whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay," Collector Loomis said today. "The person subject to tax who doesn't make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The government will get after all income tax slackers."

"There's hardly a business man, merchant or professional man who won't have to make a return of income. Farmers, as a class, will have to pay the tax. The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1,000 or \$2,000, as the case may be, and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play safe by calling on the income tax man."

Mr. Loomis' representative who will be in North Platte from February 4th to 14th, and at Wallace February 25th and 26th, have forms for everybody and persons who expect to call on him need not trouble themselves to write to my office for forms."

Here's wishing that every Lincoln county soldier boy or sailor, wherever he may be, may have a Merry Christmas. We would like to have you home with us, but as this pleasure is not ours, we can only assure you that you are in our minds and thoughts and that our prayer is ever and always for your safety and well-being.

At the public library basement yesterday a number of ladies received and prepared the Christmas baskets through which a number of unfortunate people in town will enjoy a nice dinner today. The contributors to these baskets are of the kind that believe that Christmas should be a day of good cheer.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at the church this evening. A program of recitations and songs will be rendered.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Ruth Patterson is home from Omaha to spend Christmas.

Harry Pizer, a student at a commercial college in Omaha, is home to spend the Christmas vacation.

Wm. Maloney and Mrs. J. J. Horrigan and son arrived Sunday from Grand Island to spend Christmas. "Jack" Horrigan will arrive tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thornburg, now living on a farm near Chappell, came down Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

\$5 reward for information leading to the return of the buffalo robe taken from my car in front of the Presbyterian church last night. I. L. Miltonberger.

For Rent—Five room house, modern except heat. Inquire of W. R. Maloney at the store.

Richi Ugai dropped into The Tribune office yesterday and left Christmas greetings in the shape of a thermometer for office use and a box of cigars for the enjoyment of the editor.

112 Sammy Girls are notified that on account of this evening being Christmas eve, no meeting will be held. The date of the next gathering will be announced later.

Judge French issued marriage licenses to Wm. N. McClure of Arlington and Ida E. Harvey, of Sutherland, and to Leslie A. Roach and Gladys Sanders of Maywood. The latter couple were married by the Judge.

Noel Donegan, a member of Co. B, Seventh Engineering corps, stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, arrived home Sunday and will return Christmas afternoon, having been granted but a four day leave of absence.

The Tribune wishes its readers a Merry Christmas. Wear a smile, exert an effort to make sunshine for others and do your bit to make the world brighter and happier for others, and having done this on Christmas, continue to do it every day.

COUNTY MEMBERSHIP WILL EXCEED THREE THOUSAND

It is now pretty certain that the Red Cross membership will exceed three thousand. Up to Saturday night the North Platte membership had reached 1800. This, however, included forty memberships brought in from south of the river by W. W. Hunter and seventy-four brought in by Dan McNeel from the section northwest of town. Up to Saturday evening Hershey reported 200 members, Maxwell 130 and Brady over 200. Gurdon Ellis, who lives in Gaslin, and who is one of the live-wires of that section, secured 134 members. Other parts of the county have not made full returns, and Secretary Temple says that work is being done in sections which so far have made no returns.

It has been decided to continue the campaign all this week, and here in North Platte a house to house canvass will be made. After tomorrow the men folk will help the ladies to solicit, and it is intended that no one shall escape being solicited.

Secretary Temple desires that those interested in the work in country towns, and precincts continue the work this week.

Sammy Girls' Supper Nets \$150. The supper given Saturday evening at the Masonic hall by the Sammy Girls was largely attended, well served and about \$150 was added to the S. G. treasury.

Following the supper a dance was given and it was also largely attended. The Musicians' Union donated the services of a twelve-piece orchestra that furnished a class of music rarely enjoyed at the smaller dances.

Brakeman Meyers Injured. Curt Meyers, son of Paul Meyers of this city, who has been on the beet run at Gering as a brakeman, had a foot badly crushed Saturday. He was brought down on the branch train Saturday evening and taken to an Omaha hospital. It is not definitely known whether an amputation will be necessary.

TWO EARLY SETTLERS OF COUNTY DIE SATURDAY

Two of the early settlers of Lincoln county died Saturday evening. Mrs. Franklin Peale passing away at Denver, and D. S. Thomas at the federal sanitarium at Hot Springs, S. D. The remains of both will be brought to North Platte for burial.

Mrs. Peale died from the effects of a paralytic stroke suffered about eighteen months ago, which rendered her absolutely helpless and speechless. This made a pitiable condition for a most worthy couple in the sunset of their life; a blind husband who could not see his wife; a wife who could not speak to her husband.

Mrs. Peale came to North Platte with her husband about 1870. Mr. Peale engaging in the business of painting and paper hanging. Here they raised a large family of children, here they became factors in the early life of the town—in church, in social and in business circles. Mrs. Peale was a woman of wonderful energy; and this energy she applied to everything she undertook, and she was one of those who made North Platte a better town for those who came later.

It is expected that the funeral will be held Thursday, though at this time definite arrangements have not been made.

D. S. Thomas was a pioneer of the Trans-Missouri section, for as early as 1859 he freighted across the plains, not only to Denver during the gold excitement, but drove through to the Pacific coast. A native of New York he enlisted in the civil war as a member of Co. B, N. Y. Engineering Corps. He served throughout the war in that corps and in a construction corps. In 1873 he came to Lincoln county and homesteaded on land three miles west of town, which he later sold to Barton & Dillon, and which was part of the Dillon farm or ranch. On account of enfeebled health he entered the federal sanitarium at Hot Springs three years ago and had since been an inmate. He was past eighty-three years of age, and leaves two children, W. J. Thomas of this city and Mrs. W. J. Bickley, of Logan county.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed but the services will probably be held Wednesday under auspices of the G. A. R., of which he was a member.

Four Pounds of Flour a Week.

Four pounds of flour per week per person has been defined as a reasonable amount, according to Gurdon W. Wattles, federal food Administrator for Nebraska.

"Consumers should bear these figures in mind in making their purchases so that there may be an even distribution of flour throughout the country."

"We want to stabilize prices and keep them from soaring," said Mr. Wattles. "By the voluntary co-operation of the citizens of Nebraska we can accomplish this without hardships on any one or any class of people."

"Bread is the staff of life and we must exercise every precaution that all can get it at a reasonable cost, taking into consideration existing conditions."

Armenian Relief Committee.

The local committee for the work of Armenian and Syrian relief met Sunday afternoon as arranged and considered the work they have in hand. The committee arranged for another meeting which is to be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Thursday night, December 27th, at eight o'clock. The members of the committee are desirous of having a large attendance of the business men and leading citizens of North Platte at that meeting. They will work to that end. The committee is corresponding with the state committee and will make an effort to arrange for a mass meeting of the citizens of North Platte to be addressed by a speaker who has actually seen the conditions. Every loyal and public spirited citizen of North Platte is invited to attend the meeting next Thursday night.

FREE OF CHARGE

Any adult suffering from cough, cold or bronchitis, is invited to call at the drug store of Stone's Pharmacy and get absolutely free, a sample bottle of **Boschee's German Syrup**, a soothing and healing remedy for all lung troubles, which has a successful record of fifty years. Gives the patient a good night's rest free from coughing, with free expectoration in the morning. Regular sizes, 25 and 75 cents. For sale in all civilized countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Well, now living at Bayard, came down Saturday night to spend Christmas at the Sandall home. Mr. Well says that his father is having excellent success with the 42-room hotel which he recently completed and is now conducting.

BEELER TELLS OF CONDITIONS AT CAMP FUNSTON

Editor North Platte Tribune:—As per your request, I hand you herewith a few lines as to what I saw and what I was told at Camp Funston. I was there on Friday and Saturday, December 14th and 15th, 1917, two bitter cold days. I saw thousands of soldiers, and every one I saw wore good shoes, leggings, a good suit of clothes and a good overcoat. Some had knit helmets, which they wore pulled over their ears, some did not wear any. I talked with the captain of one of the regiments about an hour and a half on Friday evening. The conversation naturally drifted, on my part, as to conditions of the soldiers at the Camp, and on his part, as to the work done by civilians behind the lines. He assured me that every one of the boys were now fitted out with a warm suit of underclothing, good socks, suit of clothes and overcoat, the latter of which, as I said above, I observed on all the soldiers whom I saw. He told me about the condition of the health of the boys, and said everything was being done to stamp out the diseases that had unfortunately invaded the Camp. I told him about some of the things we had heard, and he reminded me of the fact that the men had come from all the walks of life, and that all of them were not angels in civil life, and were not now. He said that one man had written a letter wherein he stated that a man had been shot for insubordination, when as a matter of fact no such incident had ever occurred. He also informed me that there are some men in camp that could not be trusted very far as yet, although their spirit was improving, and that he felt he could trust every one of his men but two.

I talked to different soldiers, but none of them uttered any complaint as to their conditions. They do, and will, however, appreciate sweaters, helmets, socks and wristlets.

The camp is steamheated, the pipes being hung on poles and wrapped with asbestos. There is an electric light

system, water and sewerage. All the buildings look comfortable, and those that I was in, are to my knowledge, in such condition.

During the day time many of the soldiers place their coats and bedding out doors. I saw hundreds of them, and they all had good bedding.

The one thing that is hard for the boys to endure is quarantine. The sick are taken out to an isolation camp, and the well ones in the company from which those afflicted with contagious diseases have come, are quarantined in the barracks, and under this confinement the boys suffer in spirit. One of them, who was in this condition, but with whom I talked nevertheless, said it was almost like being shut up in a jail. This condition is a real hardship.

Practically all the buildings are erected about three feet above the level of the ground and are well ventilated.

Judging from what I saw and from what I was told, the spirit of Uncle Sam's boys at Funston is: They desire to become good soldiers, to reach France, enter the thick of the fight, and help win the war, down the Kaiser and his ilk, and make the world safe to live in. Respectfully,

J. G. BEELER.

Saving in Food Stuffs.

Nebraska was the first state in the Union to make its report of sugar, meat and wheat saved under the meatless and wheatless day program. As a result, Gurdon W. Wattles, federal food administrator, and John F. Letton, chairman state committee, were the recipients of the commendatory letters from Washington. The saving in Nebraska was:

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| Wheat flour | 294,419 pounds. |
| Meats | 422,822 pounds. |
| Sugar | 198,441 pounds. |

The Railway Age states that statistics show that for the six months ending September 30th, the railroads of the United States handled more freight than they did during the entire year of 1917.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We take this method of wishing our many patrons A Merry Christmas and to extend our thanks for the very generous patronage of the past year. Through your patronage of the past—which we trust we have merited—we have been enabled to lease and move into our new location, and to give to North Platte one of the most modern stores in western Nebraska.

In our new location we are better prepared to give you that service which you need. We are enabled to carry a larger stock, thereby giving you a much larger selection and offering you advantages which in our old location we did not possess.

In the future, as in the past, we will sell you dependable merchandise at as low prices as consistent with business principles, ever accord you courteous treatment and do all in our power to make "Block's" a household word in Western Nebraska.

BLOCK'S

Exclusive Ladies' Furnishings.



The Season's Greetings to All

We wish to thank our friends for their loyalty and custom, and promise, in the coming year, to improve if possible our plan of retailing high grade coal and feed at moderate prices. Meanwhile—A Merry Christmas and A Happy New year to you.

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